



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 706**

LCO No. 4856



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HARBOR  
POINT DISTRICT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 1 of special act  
2 07-6 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district  
4 as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the  
5 date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district  
6 officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly  
7 come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the  
8 district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors,  
9 a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the  
10 election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected  
11 annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter,  
12 one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Stamford. At  
13 the first annual meeting following July 1, 2013, the directors not  
14 appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or  
15 four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term  
16 ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three

17 members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of  
18 Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this  
19 subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute  
20 a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational  
21 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such  
22 meeting, the mayor may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until  
23 at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may  
24 be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of  
25 voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district,  
26 whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon  
27 giving notice as provided in this subdivision. Any special meeting  
28 called on the application of the voters shall be held not later than  
29 twenty-one days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding  
30 of the annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by  
31 publication of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a  
32 general circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of  
33 such meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which  
34 notice shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the  
35 business to be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten  
36 per cent of the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less,  
37 may petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four  
38 hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on  
39 the call of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven  
40 or more than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district  
41 meeting or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of  
42 directors, or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the  
43 voting machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and  
44 eight o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of  
45 directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not  
46 earlier than six o'clock a.m. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot  
47 labels, as the case may be, shall be provided by the clerk. When such a  
48 petition has been filed with the clerk, the president, after completion of  
49 other business and after reasonable discussion shall adjourn such  
50 meeting and order such vote on such item or items in accordance with  
51 the petition; and any item so voted may be rescinded in the same

52 manner. The clerk shall phrase such item or items in a form suitable for  
53 printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels. Subject to the provisions  
54 of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the  
55 district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any  
56 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such  
57 meeting, the president of the district or, in such president's absence,  
58 the vice-president, may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until  
59 at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where  
60 a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a  
61 majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special  
62 meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present,  
63 discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or  
64 undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in  
65 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	SA 07-6, Sec. 1(b)(3)
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*Joint Favorable C/R*

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